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# News Release

## **HPD Arrests Graffiti Vandals**

**March 12, 2010**

C.H.A.R.G.E. (Combined Harrisonburg and Rockingham Gang Enforcement Unit) has arrested six people in connection to gang-related graffiti.

Just after midnight on March 8, officers were called to the 500 block of Norwood Street for the report of several subjects spray painting graffiti on buildings and fences.

Upon arrival, patrol officers discovered the vandalism and were able to quickly detain several offenders that were fleeing the area.

C.H.A.R.G.E. began an investigation, which resulted in the following charges:

A 14-year-old male of Harrisonburg was charged with four counts of property damage and six counts of gang participation.

A 16-year-old male of Harrisonburg was charged with six counts of property damage and eight counts of gang participation.

A 17-year-old male of Harrisonburg was charged with four counts of property damage and six counts of gang participation.

A 17-year-old male of Harrisonburg was charged with seven counts of property damage and nine counts of gang participation.

A 17-year-old male of Harrisonburg was charged with two counts of property damage and six counts of gang participation.

Jose Casiano, 18, of Harrisonburg was charged with eight counts of property damage and ten counts of gang participation.

Casiano has also been charged for spray-painting a building in the 200 block of Vine Street sometime between February 27 and February 28.

Below is a list of addresses and property that were vandalized on March 8.

573, 600, 612, and 620 Norwood Street

- Buildings

577 Norwood Street

- Building
- One vehicle

575 Norwood Street

- Storage shed

581 Norwood Street, 48 Kenmore Street, and 484 W. Bruce Street

- Fences

593 Norwood Street

- Building
- Two electrical boxes

461 Second Street

- Shed
- Tree
- Water fountain
- Picnic tables
- Concrete floor
- Basketball court

This is an ongoing investigation that will determine if these individuals were involved in any other incidents.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Crime Solvers at 574-5050.